(b) if so, what forms of child labour have been identified as worst form of such labour; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The 87th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC) unanimously adopted a new Convention and Recommendation on the Worst Forms of Child Labour. The Indian delegation played a constructive role in drafting these new instruments. For the purposes of the Convention the term "the worst forms of child labour" comprises:

(i) all forms of slavery or practices similar to slavery, such as the sale and trafficking of children, debt bondage and serfdom and force or compulsory labour, including forced or compulsory recruitment of children for use in armed conflict;

(ii) the use, procuring or offering of a child for prostitution, for the production of pornography or for pornographic performances;

(iii) the use, procuring or offering of a child for illicit activities, in particular for the production and trafficking or drugs as defined in the relevant international treaties;

(iv) work which by its nature of the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children.

Government has already initiated action for ratification of the Convention.

Non-payment of wages of employees by PSUs

1606. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURURDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the employees of several public sector undertakings are not being paid their wages and salaries for the last few months;

(b) if so, which are these public sector undertakings, the number of employees/workers who are not being paid and since when; and

(c) what steps are being taken to clear their wages/salaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of major PSUs which have not paid wages/salaries to workers, the number of employees/workers affected as a result of this and the period since when wages have not been paid is indicated in the statement (*See* below)

(c) The Central Government has increased the allocation of non plan loans to public sector enterprises from Rs. 1482 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 1735 crore in 1999-2000. This provision is mainly for payment of salary & wages to the employees of sick PSUs.

*The revivable Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) have been asked to provide for current and past liabilities of workers while formulating the rehabilitation package.

*The Government is taking steps to strengthen the Board for Industrial Fianance and Reconstruction (BIFR) to speed up restructuring and revival of industries.

*Government has taken steps to reconstitute the Group of Ministers (GOM) and the Standing Committee of Secretaries to work out the detailed modalities of clearing the statutory dues of workers including wages & salaries.

Statement

Name of Public Sector Undertaking	Number of Workers/Employees affected as a result of non-payment of wages and salaries	Month from which wages/ salaries have not been paid
1	2	3
Burn Standard Company Ltd. (Refractory unit)	1386	Oct., 1999
Burn Standard Company Ltd. (Other units)	7303	Nov., [illegible]
Jessop	5206	Oct., [illegible]
Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd.	1265	Aug., 1999
National Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd. (officers)	140	Sep., 1999
Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.	5056	Sep., 1999
Tannery & Footwear Corpn of India Ltd.	675	Oct., 1999

1	2	3
NEPA Ltd.	2366	Oct., 1999
Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.	428	Nov., 1999
Mining 9 Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.	2038	Oct., 1999
National Bicycle Corporation of India Ltd.	356	Oct., 1999
R & C (Byculla unit)Ltd.	441	Apr., 1999
ILK	2764	Nov., 1999
Praga Tools Ltd.	1371	Nov., 1999
National Instrumentation Ltd.	552	Oct., 1999
Rehabilitation Industries Corpn. Ltd.	385	Oct., 1999
Projects Developments India Ltd.	1045	*., 1999
Pyrites, phosphate & Chemicals Ltd.	2015	Oct., 1999
Bengal Immunity Ltd.	965	Oct., 1999
HMT Watch Factory	5550	Nov., 1999
HMT Srinagar	725	Oct.-Nov., 1999
HMT Lamp Unit	86	June, 1999
National Projects Construction Corp. Ltd.	1147	Apr., 1999
National Textile Corporation	N.A.	Nov., 1999
British India Corporation Ltd.	N.A.	Nov., 1999
Eligin Mills Co. Ltd. & Cawnpore Textiles Ltd.	N.A.	Oct., 1999
National Jute Mfg. Corporation Ltd.Nov	N.A.	Nov., 1999
Bharat Refractories Ltd.	4068	**
Hindustan Steel Works Construction Ltd.	13506	Jan-Nov., 1999
Hindustan Copper Limited	14917	Oct., 1999
GRAND TOTAL	73816	

* The arrears of wages are consequent upon the implementation of pay revision w.e.f. 1.9.1992 to 31.7.1997.

** The arrears of wages are consequent upon the implementation of pay revision w.e.f. 1.1.1992 to 30.6.1998.

N.A.: Not Available.

Note— The above information is based on data received from various Ministries & Deptts. as on 14.12.1999.

Urban Unemployment

†1607. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of urban unemployed persons registered as on 31st March, 1999 according to the employment exchanges together with the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons separately;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.